तकनीक के माध्यम से नमक के उत्पादन का पता लगाने के लिए हिन्दुस्तान साल्ट्स लिमिटेड के माध्यम से सरकार द्वारा खर्च की गई कुल राशि 27.82 लाख रुपए है। तथापि, परियोजना की उच्च लागत के कारण, यह निर्णय लिया गया था कि हिमाचल प्रदेश सरकार/हिन्दुस्तान साल्ट्स लिमिटेड इस परियोजना को संयुक्त उद्यम के रूप में स्थापित करने की संभावना का पता लगाए। इस समय केन्द्रीय सरकार के पास इस परियोजना की स्थापना करने संबंधी कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है।

Export Industrial Promotion Park Near Mangalore

2719. SHRI GUNDAPPA KORWAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from the Karnataka Government for the sanction of Second Export Industrial Promotion Park near Mangalore; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and decision taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH): (a) and (b) No formal proposal has been received from the Government of Karnataka for setting up of an Export Promotion Industrial Park (EPIP) in Mangalore. A proposal of the State Government to set up an Export Promotion Industrial Park at Hoodi, near Bangalore has already been approved and it is under implementation. In terms of the Scheme, a second EPIP in a State would be considered only after the first one has been established and is operating successfully.

Assistance for Modernising Coal Mines

2720. DR. B.B. DUTTA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether China has identified three open cast mines to be developed with Indian expertise and technology;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether India has also sought Chinese assistance for modernising its underground mines; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. During the third meeting of the Indo-China working Group on coal held in October, 1995 at Beijing the Chinese had suggested that 3 sites namely Ling Tiao La (5 Mty)*, WU JIA TA (3 Mty), and WA JIA TA (1.8 Mty) may be considered by India for development. Xianfeng Opencast Project (3 Mty) in Yun Nan province in China was also referred later to India for development. It was agreed that Xianfeng Opencast Project may be taken up first. Coal Mine Planning and Design Institute (CMPDI) has made offer to China to prepare a bankable feasibility report in the first Phase. The response from the Chinese side is awaited.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. China have supplied two sets of longwall equipment for installation at Padmavati Khani project of Singereni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) which are already in operation. Agreements have also been signed between South Eastern Collieries Limited (SECL), a subsidiary of Coal India Limited (CIL) and Chinese Mining Engineering Equipment Group China for introduction of longwall technology in four projects of SECL.

Mineral Production in Gujarat

2721. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the main minerals being mined/produced in Gujarat;

(b) the production figures of different minerals alongwith their location, during the last three years, year-wise; and

*Mty-Million tonnes per year.